

Student Core Curriculum Plans

Student Core Curriculum Plans (SCCP) for all students, grade 8-12, provide an opportunity to lay out realistic plans for their future. These planning sessions are most effective and efficient when you have pertinent materials, information, and resources at your fingertips.

SCCPs are flexible. They do not lock students into a permanent plan. In fact, the opposite is true. Proactive planning will put students into a position where they are prepared to keep their options open as a student learns and grows in academic and career maturity. In some instances, students may find their initial career choice is not a good fit for them as they learn more about it. This is also part of learning in the career development process. Career development is a continuous process that helps students define what they do and do not want to do in their career.

Yes, students may change their career goal. Thus, yearly updating of the Student Core Curriculum Plan is essential as students learn more about themselves, their own knowledge and skills, and career preferences.

Implementation strategies will differ from district to district and using the ASCA/Iowa models will support schools in helping students reach their goals and ultimately impact student achievement and overall school improvement.

Getting It Done

There are a variety of ways to accomplish SCCPs for every student. Each school district will decide how this process will work best for them. Possibilities include:

- Individual Meetings
- Small Groups
- Class/Grade Groups
- Career Cluster Groups
- Homeroom Groups
- Teacher as Advisor Groups
- Small Learning Communities
- School within a School
- Career Academics
- After School/Evening Programs

Combine with:

- Orientation Meetings
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Student Registration

Encouraging Parent/Guardian Involvement

Research indicates students rely heavily on parental advice when making postsecondary plans and decisions. Parental support is vital to the success of a Student Core Curriculum Plan. School counselors provide important information to parents about expectations during the middle, high school, and postsecondary years. When students, parents, and the school plan together, students receive essential support from both home and school to successfully meet the goals of their Student Core Curriculum Plan.